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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 6, QUAI DISARMAMENT OFFICER (MISTRAL) COMMENTED THAT US PAPER CIRCULATED AT NAC MEETING JULY 27 WAS BY FAR THE BEST PROPOSAL ON MBFR YET SURFACED IN NATO. HE CITED FIRST PHASE US/USSR NUMERICALLY ASYMETRICAL REDUCTIONS WEIGHTED HEAVILY AGAINST SOVIETS AS EXAMPLE OF CONTENT MAKING THIS AN EXCELLENT PAPER FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW.

2. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, HE NOTED THAT NEW US PROPOSAL INCLUDED REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF US NUCLEAR ELEMENTS AS PART OF PHASE ONE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS DANGEROUS AREA TO GET INTO BECAUSE IT COULD BE FIRST STEP TOWARD INCLUDING FBS IN MBFR. MISTRAL SAID THAT OUR PROPOSAL SEEMED TO INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING SEVERAL SQUAD- RONS OF FBS WHICH, IN HIS VIEW, ARE MORE PROPERLY HANDLED IN SALT. EMBOFF POINTED OUT THAT WE WERE FULLY AWARE OF DELICATE NATURE OF DISCUSSING NUCLEAR ELEMENTS IN MBFR AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, WE DID NOT FORESEE INTRODUCING THIS ASPECT AT OUTSET OF NEGOTIATIONS.

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3. MISTRAL REPEATED USUAL FRENCH OBJECTIONS TO MBFR AND SAID THAT FRENCH HAVE NO INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING IN MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

4. COMMENT: HABITUAL GOF MISTRUST OF MBFR SEEMS TO BE HEIGHTENED WHEN SUBJECTS WHICH FRENCH BELIEVE MORE APPROPRIATELY TREATED ELSEWHERE (E.G. FBS) RISK BEING CONSIDERED IN MBFR. STONE

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